April, 1992. These identified product categories are:—

(i) Soaps and detergents.

(ii) Plastics.

(iii) Food items such as Edible Oils, tea, coffee, baby food, processed foods, Beverages.

(iv) Papers (Fine paper, Sanitary Papers, News print, etc.).

(v) Textiles, diapers etc.

(vi) Preservatives and Food additives.

(vii) Cosmetics e.g. Shampoo, Lipstics, Face Powder.

(viii) Paints.

(ix) Batteries.

(x) Lubricating Oils.

(xi) Packaging.

(xii) Aerosols.

(xiii) Pesticides, Insecticides, Biocides and Weedicides.

(xiv) Drugs.

(xv) Electrical Goods/Electronic Goods.

(xvi) Wood Substitutes.

(d) to (f) The presence of artificial colours and flavours which may not have nutrious value and/or deleterious to human health will be taken into account while prescribing the standards for preservatives and food additives. The implementing agency will inspect the food items with respect to ECOMARK criteria.

Prevention of Water Pollution in Damodar River

3024. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated 25th July, 1991 from Raniganj Chamber of Commerce, West Bengal, regarding prevention of water pollution in Damodar river;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A request from the Raniganj Chambers of Commerce had been received for an action plan for the prevention of pollution of the river Damodar including dredging of the river bed in its stretch from downstream of Durgapur and installation of electric crematoria in important towns along the river.

(c) A programme for the pollution abatement of the river Damodar covering the identified components of water pollution is under formulation in consultation with the State Government under the proposed Ganga Action Plan Phase-II.

Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling

3025. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of different species of animals and birds in the Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling;

(b) whether the number of a variety of species has increased during the last four years; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to Annual

Report of Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling, for the year 1989-90, the names of the species exhibited in the zoo are as follows:

MAMMALS: Snow leopard, Leopard, Ussuri tiger, Royal Bengal tiger, Leopard cat, Red panda, Himalayan black bear, Sloth bear, Barking deer, Cheetal, Goral, Yak. Rhesus monkey, Rabbit, Himalayan palm civet, Ladhakj goat, and white rat.

BIRDS: Tragopan, Kaleej pheasant, Golden pheasant, Chinese silver pheasant, Hill partridge, Rose ringed parakeet, Ring necked dove, Barheeded goose, Common owl, Himalayan yellow billed, , blue magpie, Black eagle, Nilgiri wood pigeon, Bantam murghi, White crested laughing thrush, German peacock pheasant and fish owl.

(b) and (c) Modern Zoo management is more concerned about the quality of display rather than the number of species exhibited. However, the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park acquired two new species namely Himalayan Palm Civet and Fish Owl during the year 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively. During the last four years, six speices have been lost from the collection of the zoo because of deaths. Thus, there has not been any increase in the number of species exhibited in the zoo.

Pending Projects for Environmental Clearance

3026. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the project cleared by the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the last six months;

(b) the number of proposals pending at present and since when;

(c) what is the number of pending proposals pertaining to thermal and hydel power production; and

(d) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A total of 62 projects have been cleared during the last six months with the following break-up:

S. No.	Development Sector	No. of projects cleared from 1.9.91 to 01.3.92
1.	Thermal Power . . .	15
2.	River Valley . . .	1
3.	Industrial	13
4.	Mining	12
5.	Others	21
	TOTAL . . .	62

(b) As on 1st March, 1992 a total of 83 proposals await clearance:

Period of Pendency	No. of Projects
0 to 3 months . . .	21
3 to 6 months . . .	1
6 to 12 months . . .	1
More than 12 months . .	36
TOTAL . .	83

(c) and (d) There are 13 thermal and two hydel power projects pending. Projects can be assessed only after receipt of complete environmental data and action plans. A final decision in all such cases is taken within a maximum period of three months from the date of receipt of the requisite details.